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In re U.S. Patent Application of:

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BOX RESPONSE NO FEE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action of November 30, 2001, and the telephone interview had by the undersigned with Examiner RaeAnn Gorden, applicant respectfully requests that the claims of the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A golf practice and exercise device for use with a golf club, comprising a frame member having a base portion for supporting the device on a floor or ground, said frame member extending upwardly from the base member and having an outwardly extending mounting arm, and an object swingably suspended from said mounting arm with at least a portion of said object adjacent the floor or ground in position to be struck by a golf clubhead during a normal swing of a golf club, said object having a golf clubhead impact surface of a size at least that of the corresponding surface of a softball to provide a large target so that the golfer can swing a golf club freely without concentration on striking the small target of a golf ball, said object being of a mass at least that of a softball to provide substantial resistance to the impact of a golf club to impose muscular strain on the golfer for muscle development but being limited in mass to allow the head of a golf club to swing the object